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SUBJECT: REFUGEE PROGRAM: CONGRESSIONAL CORRESPONDENCE:  
GUSTAVO WESTERKAMP

TO: THE HONORABLE ALAN CRANSTON  
UNITED STATES SENATE

THE HONORABLE EDWARD KENNEDY  
UNITED STATES SENATE

THE HONORABLE LAWTON CHILES  
UNITED STATES SENATE

THE HONORABLE HENRY JACKSON  
UNITED STATES SENATE

THE HONORABLE FRANK ANNUNZIO  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

THE HONORABLE BENJAMIN GILMAN  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

IN THE PAST, YOU HAVE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN THE CASE OF  
GUSTAVO WESTERKAMP, AN ARGENTINE CITIZEN WHO HAS BEEN  
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IMPRISONED IN ARGENTINA.

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ON AUGUST 19, AN EMBASSY OFFICIAL SPOKE BY TELEPHONE WITH GUSTAVO AND WAS INFORMED THAT HE WAS RELEASED ON THAT DATE. THIS DEVELOPMENT RESULTED FROM AN OFFICIAL DECREE ISSUED ON AUGUST 11 ORDERING RELEASE OF 29 PERSONS WHO HAD BEEN IMPRISONED UNDER STATE OF SIEGE LAWS OF THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT'S EXECUTIVE BRANCH.

MR. WESTERKAMP IS NOW UNDER CONDITIONAL LIBERTY (SIMILAR TO PAROLE STATUS IN THE UNITED STATES). THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT USUALLY MAINTAINS SUPERVISED LIBERTY FOR ABOUT SIX TO NINE MONTHS, AFTER WHICH COMPLETE FREEDOM IS NORMALLY GRANTED. SHOULD HE NOW WISH TO LEAVE ARGENTINA, WHILE STILL UNDER SUPERVISED LIBERTY, HE WILL HAVE TO OBTAIN AUTHORIZATION FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF ARGENTINA BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE. SHOULD HE WISH TO PURSUE HIS INTENTION TO ENTER THE UNITED STATES, THE EMBASSY WILL PROVIDE ALL APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE.

I WILL NOTIFY YOU OF ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN MR. WESTERKAMP'S CASE.

SINCERELY,

HARRY W. SHLAUDEMANN  
AMERICAN AMBASSADOR  
BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA

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